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HONGKONG, JULY 20TH, 1911.

How greatly the trade of China suffers from the indifference of the Chinese trader to the complaints of the purchaser of his merchandise it is impossible to estimate, but the growing frequency of these complaints is a noteworthy feature of the annual reports on trade by Commissioners of the Chinese Customs as well as by Consuls. We have, for example, long been familiar with the complaint that the decline of the once flourishing tea trade of China at the ports of Foochow and Amoy was primarily due to the deterioration of the local product and the indifference of the grower to the changing conditions of the local market. Another instance is now to be found in the famous pongee trade of Chefoo. The Commissioner of Customs in his report on the trade of the port for 1910, just published, has this to say on the subject: "In regard to pongees, the tendency to deterioration in quality, noticed in the report for 1909, has unfortunately had its effect. There has, to use the words of a local merchant, been 'reaction everywhere,' and the respectable export figures given in the table—7,394 piculs—must not be taken to mean that this trade is continuing to prosper. The weavers and dealers, eager for immediate profit only and careless of the future of their trade, adopted the short-sighted policy of lowering the quality of their goods as the demand, which lasted through the greater part of 1909, increased. Foreign exporters, having

to make their contracts beforehand and being practically forced to take delivery even if the quality be below standard, can do little to counteract this evil, which cuts at the very root of the trade. The home buyers of such an expensive article as heavy pongees naturally insist on good quality. Not getting it, they have turned to European fabrics, with the result that remarkable perfection has been attained in imitating heavy Nan-shan pongees. It is not surprising therefore that while it was impossible to place orders for these towards the close of 1909, there should at present be no demand at all for them. For the cheaper and lighter grades, conditions have been somewhat better, though there have been many complaints of inferior quality and short lengths. The pongee business for 1910 has thus been far from profitable for exporters, and the prospects for the coming year are not encouraging. The native dealers, too, must have lost heavily in the end, and it is permissible to hope that they will profit by the lesson. Once, however, a fabric of this kind loses its hold on the home fashion market, it is no easy task to regain it." Turning to the reports on other trade centres, contained in the volume of the Customs reports now before us, comprising the Northern Ports only, we find the Commissioner at Tientsin mentioning in connection with the bean and pea export trade that "there are complaints of unsatisfactory methods of trading, the dealers failing to carry out the contracts for which advances had been made." The Commissioner at Newchwang has something very similar to say on the same subject, quoting as his authority a large London importing firm. "Exports from China," he says, "have suffered a good deal through the dishonesty of traders, who have made forward contracts and failed to keep them. Steps should be taken to prevent such occurrences, which injure greatly the Chinese reputation for reliability." The Chinese trader has hitherto enjoyed a reputation for honesty and reliability second to none, and it would be well worth the while of the local Chinese Chambers of Commerce and the Industrial Commissioners to pay heed to such complaints as we have quoted after a casual glance through the latest volume of Customs Reports and to bring all the influence they command to bear upon the delinquents with a view to checking this indifference and dishonesty which not only impair the enviable reputation which the Chinese trader has hitherto enjoyed throughout the world for reliability, but damage the permanent trade interests of the country.

Three fresh cases of plague were reported yesterday, bringing the total for the year up to 218.

Mr. G. W. Barton, of Messrs. Douglas, Lapraik & Co., returned to Hongkong yesterday from a holiday in England.

Yesterday morning the dead body of a Chinese coolie was found hanging by the neck from the roof of an outhouse in Nathan Road, Kowloon. Indications point to suicide.

For stealing two ducks from a villager at Kowloon City Mr. Hazland yesterday at the Magistracy sentenced a coolie to six weeks' imprisonment and four hours' stocks.

The heat has been so excessive at Thanh-hoa, in Annam, that the trains are unable to keep to schedule time, the locomotives, according to *L'avenir du Tonkin*, refusing to move on the over-heated rails.

A Chinese was arrested at Wanchai on Tuesday for throwing stones at trams. He was charged before Mr. Hazland at the Magistracy yesterday and ordered to pay a fine of \$25, the alternative being one month's imprisonment.

Mr. S. More, a master at the Diocesan Boys' School, has recently succeeded in winning the highest Diploma of Teaching given by the Phonetic Institute, Bath, thus fully qualifying as an exponent of Pitman's System of Shorthand.

The Empress Dowager has decreed that the Emperor should commence to study classics from the "Tahsueh" (Great Learning). The Emperor will read and hear lectures from 7 to 10 a.m. and will exercise writing in the afternoon daily.

At the Magistracy yesterday before Mr. Wood, Inspector Fisher of the Sanitary Department proceeded against the owners of two soy factories at Shaikuan on a charge of breeding mosquito larvae. One of the defendants was fined \$10, and the other \$25.

Mrs. Proundlock and her little girl, accompanied by Mr. Charlton, have arrived from Kuala Lumpur at Penang. Mrs. Proundlock is looking in fair general health, but appears on the verge of a nervous breakdown. She will take passage to England for a few months' change.

A London paper says:—Letters of regret in connection with the Chinese loan are being issued, and it appears that applicants for £600 and less received nothing. Applicants for £1,000 or £2,000 received £100, and for £5,000 the allotment seems to be £200. The market is very dissatisfied with the results, and complaints are loud over the treatment of the small investor.

Percy E. Gibson, a chauffeur employed by the Esso Garage, was again remanded by Mr. Wood at the Magistracy yesterday on a charge of manslaughter. The defendant is alleged to have been driving a motor car which ran down and killed a Chinese youth at Wanchai. Mr. Reader Harris (of Messrs. Wilkinson & Grist) appeared to prosecute.

A coolie employed by a firm of rice dealers at 33, Des Vœux Road on Tuesday opened a sum of £70. He gave £60 of this to his wife, and sent her to the country, and kept the balance as pocket money. Charged before Mr. Wood at the Magistracy yesterday he admitted the theft, and was sentenced to three months' imprisonment with hard labour and four hours' stocks.

The Norwegian steamer *Promicat*, which for some time past has been running under charter to the China Merchants' S. N. Co., has just been purchased by that Company. The old complement of officers and engineers has been paid off and will be sent home, the C. M. S. N. Co. putting in their own men. The vessel under the Chinese flag will take the place of the ill-fated str. *Mayo* which was lost a few months ago.

The French cruiser *Kleber* was lying at Woosung on the 14th inst. and was to have gone upriver for the celebration of the Fête Day, but as the ship draws 27 feet of water and it was reported that there was only 27 feet 1 inch of water on the bar, it was not deemed advisable to risk the big four funnelled cruiser coming up the river. A large number of the crew were granted liberty and they went up by launch and rail.

Two battered Chinese were arraigned before Mr. Hazland at the Magistracy on a charge of fighting. One had his head bandaged and a plentiful supply of sticking plaster about the eyes, while the other's jacket was torn in shreds. The coolies were engaged to carry a passenger's luggage from the harbour to a hotel, and on the way a quarrel arose as to the fair distribution of the weight, which was the cause of the trouble. The offenders were fined 23 each.

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Some months ago, we (*Straits Times*) announced the fact that a Chinese syndicate had been formed in Singapore to acquire the necessary p'ant to embark in deep-sea trawling. The steam trawler *Golden Cross*, which had proved a failure in Indian waters, was hired by the syndicate with a view to purchase, and operations commenced. The promoters were sanguine of success at the outset, but after several months' trial, it has been demonstrated beyond a doubt that the catch is not sufficient to more than pay current expenses, to say nothing about the chances of paying a dividend; so the syndicate has decided to wind up its affairs and the *Golden Cross* has been despatched to Rangoon to its owner.

It will be of interest to prospective passengers to the United States to learn that the Pacific Mail Company has appointed a Superintending Caterer to take charge of the commissariat department of the ships of their trans-Pacific fleet, with a view to bringing up the cuisine and service to the highest possible standard. It has hitherto been by no means a low standard, but evidently the Company's motto in this matter is "the very best." Mr. Moroni, formerly of the Astor House Hotel, Shanghai, has been appointed to that position, and the reputation which this hotel has enjoyed in the East is a guarantee of his qualifications. Mr. Moroni has had in fact, a wide experience, and his reputation is international. He has already entered upon his new duties, being now on the *Mongolia*, which is on her way to San Francisco. It will be the duty of this officer to travel between the East and San Francisco on the various ships of the Company's fleet. The solicitude thus shown by the Company for the general comfort of passengers cannot fail to be appreciated by the travelling public.

TYPHOON WARNING.

The telegram quoted below was received from the Manila Observatory at 12 noon yesterday:—

Cyclone or Typhoon E. of Luzon less than 300 miles distant, filling up.

Cyclone or Typhoon N. of Yap moving W. N.W.

The American Consulate General forwarded two typhoon warnings received from Manila Observatory last night. The first, received at 9 p.m., states that a typhoon or cyclone North West of Yap, is moving W.N.W. The second states that another is near or over the Northern Ladrones or Mariana Island and is moving W.N.W.

The feature of the signs programme to-night is the commencement of the boxing contest for which the following have entered: Cpl. Scruton K.O.Y.L.I., Pte. Smith, K.O.Y.L.I., Pte. Pardon, K.O.Y.L.I., Pte. Richards, K.O.Y.L.I., Gunner King Island, R.G.A., Gunner MacGee, R.G.A., Pte. Littlejohn, H.M.S. *Tamar*. On Friday the semi-finals will be contested, and on Saturday the final will take place. A handsome trophy will be presented to the winner and runner-up.

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TELEGRAMS. TELEGRAMS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

MR. BALFOUR'S HEALTH.

LONDON, July 19th.

The "Daily Telegraph" states that Mr. Balfour's health is causing some anxiety. Mr. Balfour will shortly proceed to Geneva for a cure.

THE PARLIAMENT BILL.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN ON TUESDAY.

LONDON, July 19th.

The papers are agreed that the House of Lords will pass the third reading of the Parliament Bill on Thursday. They state that the resistance of the extremists has been overcome.

THE STATE INSURANCE BILL.

TRIUMPH OF MR. LLOYD GEORGE.

LONDON, July 19th.

The House of Commons is debating the State Insurance Bill.

The debate is remarkable for the personal triumph of Mr. Lloyd George.

Labourites and Conservatives pressed amendments to the clause which is aimed at malingerers, and Mr. Lloyd George appealed to a hostile House to face electoral unpopularity rather than wreck the finance of the Bill. It was not straightforward to the working men to deny that there are malingerers in their ranks.

The clause was adopted by a majority of 74 and Mr. Lloyd George received an ovation.

UNREST IN PERSIA.

LONDON, July 19th.

A Teheran message states that the Ex-Shah has landed at Gumshteppe on the Caspian Sea among the Turcomans, with whom he has been in communication for some time. His brother Salaried Dauleh has proclaimed him in Kurdistan.

BISLEY RIFLE MEETING.

LONDON, July 19th.

At the Bisley Rifle Meeting Corporal Trainor of Canada won the bronze medal in the first stage of the King's Prize.

ANOTHER BYE-ELECTION.

LONDON, July 19th.

Another bye-election is taking place at Middleton in Lancashire, Sir W. Adkins having been appointed Recorder of Nottingham.

SERIOUS RIOTING AT CARDIFF.

LONDON, July 19th.

Fierce rioting has broken out among the seaman strikers at Cardiff as the result of the arrest of the leader. Two warehouses are on fire, and the outbreak is supposed to be due to incendiarism. Another has been looted and fireheads of stout broached. The drunken mob cut the fire hose and stoned the police who made frequent baton charges. Six constables and thirty rioters have been injured.

THE OVERSEAS DELEGATES.

LONDON, July 19th.

The Overseas Delegates were entertained to a farewell luncheon by the Government at Hampton Court. The King telegraphed his pleasure at having seen them and wished them bon voyage.

THE CANADIAN FIRES.

LONDON, July 19th.

The Canadian fires have subsided and stragglers are daily coming in. The death roll will probably not exceed 100.

TELEGRAMS. TELEGRAMS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

AUSTRIAN EMPEROR'S SPEECH.

LONDON, July 19th.

A Vienna message states that the Emperor in his speech in the Reichsrath referred to the urgency of army reform, and announced that provision was being made for the development of the commercial relations with foreign Powers. He hoped there would be a continuance of the blessings of peace. The Emperor spoke without betraying the slightest fatigue.

FRANCE AND SPAIN.

LONDON, July 19th.

The French newspapers are very angry over the arrest of Consul Boisset. The *Matin* says that hitherto France has treated Spanish excesses as puerilities, but now these have gone beyond reprimand and it is necessary to punish them.

France has demanded an explanation of the Alcazar incident.

DEATH OF THE CHIEF RABBI.

LONDON, July 19th.

The death is announced of the Reverend Hermann Adler, Chief Rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregations of the British Empire since 1891.

THEIR MAJESTIES IN EDINBURGH.

LONDON, July 19th.

At Edinburgh yesterday in brilliant sunshine the King inspected the Royal Scottish Archers and presented colours to the corps. A levee was afterwards held at Holyrood Palace.

The people are enthusiastic about the visit, and hope now that Holyrood has been modernised that the Royal visits will be more frequent to the Scottish capital.

The Lord Provost of Edinburgh and the Town Clerk have been knighted.

LORD KITCHENER'S APPOINTMENT.

CRITICISM IN PARLIAMENT.

LONDON, July 19th.

At question time in the House of Commons yesterday, Sir Edward Grey said he was confident that Lord Kitchener's qualities and special knowledge of Egypt and his impartiality would make his appointment to Egypt one commanding general confidence.

Mr. Byles, M.P., suggested that soldiers should keep to their own jobs. We were fast drifting to an army-ridden nation.

Sir Edward Grey said the post was an exceedingly difficult one, and he knew no one possessing qualifications equal to Lord Kitchener's. No special conditions attached to the appointment, and naturally before he departs the policy to be followed will be the subject of discussion between Lord Kitchener and the Government. The appointment involves no change in policy.

TEST CRICKET.

LONDON, July 19th.

Iremonger has accepted the invitation of the Marylebone Cricket Club to form one of the team to proceed to Australia.

THE "ASSAYE" DELAYED.

The Hon. Mr. Hewitt, Superintendent of P. & O. Co., yesterday received, through Shanghai, a wireless message from S. S. *Assaye*, to the effect that

NEIGHBOURS AT VARIANCE.

CHICKENS CAUSE TROUBLE.

A quarrel between neighbours came on for hearing before Mr. F. A. Hazland at the Magistracy yesterday afternoon when Alfred Walters, Chief Engineer of the French steamer *Charles Hordouin*, summoned Theodoro Braun, of the China Sugar Refinery Co., on charges of assault, killing a chicken, and using abusive language. The defendant brought a cross-summons for assault against Mr. Walters and his wife.

Mr. J. H. Gardiner appeared on behalf of the original complainant, and Mr. M. Reader Harris (of Messrs. Wilkinson & Grist) represented Mr. Braun. The summonses were consolidated.

Mr. Gardiner, in opening the case for the complainant, stated that on the 12th instant at about 2.30 p.m. the defendant hired a rickshaw at the Fino Brigade Station, went as far as the Belle Vue Hotel, and then returned home to No. 41, Moreton Terrace. There he tendered the ricksha coolie fifteen cents. The coolie asked for more, and held out his hand with the money in it. The defendant took away five cents, leaving ten cents as fare. The coolie then complained more, whereupon the defendant pulled everything movable out of the ricksha and turned the vehicle over. The puller became greatly alarmed, and soosing some constables near the Hippodrome Circus, called out "police" and ran in their direction. Before the coolie had run far the defendant called him back, and said he would give him fifty cents if he would return and kill the complainant's chickens. The coolie took no notice, so defendant righted the ricksha, took hold of the handles and pushed the ricksha against a horsebox belonging to Mr. Walters. In doing this he ran over and killed a small chicken, and when he collided with the coop the exertion apparently was too much for him, and he fell down between the shafts and sat there. Afterwards he got up, and seeing Mr. Walters on the verandah, called him to come down, using abusive language. Thereupon Mr. Walters went down to see why the defendant had behaved as he had.

His Worship—Had there been some ill-feeling before?

Mr. Gardiner said he did not know that there had, but Mr. Braun apparently felt aggravated that the chickens should disturb his slumbers. The defendant had complained to the Sanitary Board, but no action was taken by that Board.

His Worship—Judging from your story, there was some ill-feeling between the parties previously.

Mr. Gardiner—There may have been some ill-feeling towards my client because he kept chickens, but it is not illegal to keep chickens.

His Worship—The parties were not utter strangers?

Mr. Gardiner—They never were friends, so far as I know. Proceeding, the solicitor stated that when Mr. Walters went down, followed by his wife and a Mr. Dixon, there was a disension. The defendant, without justification, then struck Mr. Walters a heavy blow on the left side. This was the first blow struck, and the complainant, who received it, had been for some time receiving medical attention.

His Worship—You mean before this blow?

Mr. Gardiner said he did, and the complainant's wife, who was near at hand when the first blow was struck, seeing that the defendant intended to strike again, got in between and tried to separate the men. As no man would be expected to do, the defendant lifted his arm and struck Mrs. Walters two heavy blows on her hand and arm, causing considerable pain and bruises which were still visible. The complainant, seeing this, and being unable to combat with the defendant, who was bigger and stronger man, picked up a stick and, striking in protection of himself and his wife, struck the defendant two blows over the left side. Thinking he had done enough to keep the man quiet, he waited until the police arrived, and then the parties went to the police station and reported the matter to Inspector Kerr.

Complainant gave evidence on the lines of his solicitor's opening statement. He said he heard the defendant call to the ricksha coolie, "You come back and kill all those blessed chickens."

Mr. Gardiner—Did he call them "blessed chickens," or by another name?

Witness—He called them by another name. Dr. O. Marriott gave evidence as to the injuries received by the defendant.

Mr. J. Gibson, submarine engineer, said he heard the defendant call out to his ricksha coolie, "Come and kill those fowls." The coolie evidently did not understand and continued to run. Defendant then said, "Well, if you won't do it I will," picked up the ricksha, ran it into and upset the hencoop.

Cross-examined by Mr. Harris:

Why did Braun complain to the Sanitary Board twice, and why did other people send in a petition about Mr. Walters' and your chickens?—Because there was a little ill-feeling. I suppose it was spite. But nothing was done, as an Inspector from the Sanitary Board inspected the place and said it was clean.

Mr. Harris—So it was when he called, I have no doubt.

The hearing was adjourned until Friday.

THE CANTON-HANKOW RAILWAY.

REPORTED INTENT TO ALTER THE ROUTE.

A Hankow telegram in the *China Times* says it is reported that Tuan Feng considers, in view of the strong feeling in Hunan Province against the nationalisation of railways, it is better to change the route of the Hankow-Canton Railway. He suggests that from Fuping the route shall be through Kiangsi instead of Hunan, and from Kiangsi enter Kwangtung. The *China Times*, commenting on this telegram, says the change of the route will seriously affect the local economy, and this telegram is therefore published with reserve.

MACAO NOTES.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

Macao, 18th July.

POSTAL GRIEVANCES.

The public is much annoyed at the manner in which it is being treated by the Post Office, and not without good reason. Stamps cannot be bought by the public, but the money for the stamps with the letters must be handed to the office employees, who have to purchase the stamps and affix them. Needless delay in the transmission of the correspondence is occasioned. It is said that partiality is being shown in the sale of stamps that some people cannot purchase one stamp, but that others can obtain whole sheets. It is a scandal that such a state of affairs should be tolerated in a colony which is under the "Union Postale Universelle." Letters sent to Hongkong and Canton have of late borne four cent stamps. Is that fair, when there are one and two cent stamps in the office?

MISCELLANEOUS.

The work of dredging the harbour is making good progress.

The Sando is doing useful work by removing stalks which were encroaching on public streets.

Jockey and race clubs have been founded here. But where is the race course to be?

It is reported that national fêtes are being contemplated for October 5th in celebration of the first anniversary of the Republic. If that be so, preparations should be commenced at once, as it will take some time to raise the necessary money.

LOCAL SPORT.

BOXING.

LEWIS RETURNING TO HONGKONG.

Writing to a friend in Hongkong regarding his recent meeting with, and defeat by Bob Whitelaw in New South Wales, Bill Lewis says, "My left arm went on me in my fight with Whitelaw, and it was as much as I could do to stay the 20 rounds. I have it now in a sling. Rest, the doctor says, is the only cure, and as I am pretty good at resting it should soon be alright. I am leaving by the *Taiyuan*, and should be in Hongkong about August 10th if all goes well."

WATER POLO.

88TH CO. R.G.A. v. R.O.C.

The first match in the Water Polo Shield Competition took place in the V.R.C. enclosure last night, the opposing teams being the 88th Co., R.G.A., and the Boys' Own Club. The Boys' were too fast for the soldiers, and had an easy victory, winning by four goals to nil. The next match will take place on Saturday, starting at 5.45 p.m., the teams being the 87th Co., R.G.A., and the K.O.Y.L.I. All matches in connection with the Shield Competition are to be played in the V.R.C. bath.

THE WIRELESS CHAIN.

Commenting on the recent announcement of the Government to establish a chain of wireless stations, the *Calcutta Englishman* remarks:

It will be noticed that the scheme, magnificent as it is, is not entirely complete. The chain of stations runs eastward to Australia, with a connecting link down to South Africa; but an Imperial wireless system ought to encircle the globe. The line ought to run on to Hongkong, and Wei-hai-wei and then across the Pacific to Canada, and crossing that Continent reach the Mother Country by way of the West Indies and British Guiana. There is apparently no limit to the distances that can be covered by wireless provided that the sending stations are powerful enough.

Wireless messages are received between England and the United States as a matter of course, and a message sent from Paris has been picked up by a ship on the coast of South America.

Paris is also able to speak directly with Canada, and there is now in process of erection at the Eiffel Tower a wireless station which it is expected will be able to send messages to any wireless station in the world. This is to be done by the production of a current of 100,000 volts, which will result in the creation of a new service of electric waves, corresponding to the note of a musical scale. There are no physical difficulties in the way, the store, or a wireless chain round the globe. By the time the next Imperial Conference meets the present scheme ought to be working, and the time will be ripe for the larger conception.

THE TARBAGAN INFECTED WITH TWO TYPES OF PLAGUE.

Prof. Zabolozny, the renowned bacteriologist, now in Hankow, has written to Dr. S. Kitazato, of Tokyo, informing him of the result of his recent examination of the infected tarbagan which was found to contain the plague germs of both bacillary and pneumonic types. "The presence in one living animal of the germs of the two types of the plague is indeed a disconcerting discovery, and has created a fresh subject of professional study," says the great Russian authority.

THE FUTURE OF WEIHAIWEI.

The question of Weihaiwei seems to be again on the tap. According to the *Asahi Shinbun*, China has asked England to consent to the joint use of the port as a naval station. At present Chinese vessels have the right of free ingress or egress, but they are entitled to use the waters only and not the littoral regions. In other words, they may anchor their ships within the harbour, but they may not build forts, arsenals or docks. It has always been recognized that Weihaiwei is the best naval port in China's northern seas, and more than one essay is said to have been made by China to induce England to restore the place. Great Britain, however, while careful not to use the port for any purpose other than temporary, is reluctant to lose the use of it even within the ebb and flow of joint occupation, which China is alighted to have proposed, would be exceedingly difficult to arrange satisfactorily.

Either England will have to do much more than she has hitherto done or China will have to content with much less than would content the place into a serviceable naval station from her point of view.

THE "CHIT" SYSTEM.

A HINT TO HOTEL KEEPERS.

At H.B.M.'s Supreme Court, Shanghai, last week before Mr. G. W. King, Registrar, George F. Curtis sued H. L. Hamlin to recover £100 on a promissory note.

The plaintiff in the witness box stated that the promissory note was signed by Mr. Hamlin in his (witness's) presence, and that it was defendant's signature. It was given for a valuable consideration, the same being a note for £100 made payable to him (witness) by A. E. B. Gagnon, who had a claim against Mr. Hamlin for £146.

His Honour (to defendant)—Did you get any money on this note?

Defendant—No, sir. I never received anything on the note given by Mr. Curtis.

Mr. Curtis: I have chits signed by Mr. Hamlin.

His Honour (on examining the documents) stated that it was quite clear that Mr. Gagnon gave Mr. Curtis a note for £100 and that Mr. Curtis handed this note to Mr. Hamlin. It seemed, however, that he did not get any value on Gagnon's note. There was no value received on the promissory note.

For instance, Great Britain, which has from of old interests in the Far East, was confronted with the necessity of providing against the rising influence of the new Japan. The conclusion of an alliance between Great Britain and Japan was considered as saving Great Britain the necessity of being on guard against the now Power in the East and to relieving her from bearing an additional burden on that account.

On the other hand, Japan found herself in a position that necessitated an alliance with one of the Western Powers, as the state of things then obtaining did not allow her to stand alone in the Far East. Thus Great Britain and Japan were in the same plight and bound to sail in the same boat, so to speak, in the political row of the Orient.

Common interest is an essential requisite for the combination of two different States, without which no international alliance is accomplished with effect. Hence it is absolutely impossible that the European Powers will form a combination among themselves to cope with the situation in the Far East, because their interests in the Far East can hardly be said to be in complete harmony.

Some countries may find themselves in accord in their respective interests in the Far East, while others may be at variance. If they incorporated politically against the Far Eastern countries advocating what is termed the "Yellow Peril," then no European nation would see the necessity for shaking hands with Japan. But in my opinion it is impossible that the Powers will be induced to take harmonious action from mere sentiment, because no sound combination can be established unless it be based on the common interest of the contracting Powers.

There was a time when the European Powers formed themselves into a combination, or what was called co-operation, in their dealings with China. But in those times Great Britain was the only country that had important commercial and economic interests in the Far East, while other Powers only followed her example, which fact made easy the formation of such a political federation.

Things are, however, very different now. Modern progress and the development of the organs of traffic and communication have had the result of making the Powers extend their economic interests to the Far East, which has, in turn, naturally caused a collision of interests between the powers in the Extreme Orient. In these circumstances it is a patent fact that the Western nations could not combine against the Far Eastern countries and cope with the situation in this quarter of the globe in harmonious accord.

The sudden rise of the new Japan at that juncture effected a serious change on the political stage of the Far East, and the Powers have since then changed their attitude toward Japan: first of all, in settling their Far Eastern policies. The position of Great Britain in the Far East at the time was such as to necessitate her shaking hands with Japan; and, knowing that circumstances did not allow Japan to stand alone, Great Britain feared that Japan might enter into an alliance with some other Power if she did not join her. The relations between Great Britain and Russia were then anything but harmonious and their interests were always in conflict.

A rapprochement between Japan and Russia was feared as acting adversely on the interests of Great Britain. Great Britain was therefore very anxious to conclude an alliance, while Japan saw a good friend in England, whose interests in the Far East corresponded with her own, while Britain's Eastern policy was in the same line with Japan's and unlike the somewhat aggressive attitude of certain other Powers.

Seeing the necessity of concluding an Anglo-Japanese Alliance, I published a pamphlet styled "Anglo-Japanese Alliance" in May, 1895, shortly before my appointment as Minister in Peking. The motive of the Anglo-Japanese Alliance subsequently concluded was in accordance with the principles then advocated by me.

The talk of an Anglo-Japanese Alliance originated in the time of the three-Power intervention toward the close of the China-Japan War, it being advocated in political circles both in England and Japan. Prior to this, as the result of the China-Japan war, Great Britain and Russia were anything but harmonious and their interests were always in conflict.

Mr. Curtis remarked that on his Honour's ruling there were still some chits that could be paid on.

His Honour: Well, I am not going through the whole lot to find out which are and which are not.

Mr. Curtis explained that he made this arrangement with defendant in order that the latter might not be pressed for the money. Mr. Hamlin had never led him to believe that he did not intend to pay them.

His Honour: That is your misfortune; but I am not going to depart from the law for any person. For the majority of these chits defendant is not liable and I cannot possibly give judgment against him.

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His Honour: Well, I am not going through the whole lot to find out which are and which are not.

His Honour disposed of the case by saying that under the circumstances he would have to dismiss the action with costs.

COLLIERS FOR JAPAN.

When the steamer *Kinkaku Maru* was launched at Middlesbrough a few weeks ago, attention was directed to the enterprise of the Japanese firm of Messrs. Mitsui & Company in adopting the latest and most improved type of bucket and trolley construction with top side ballast tanks for the four colliers which they have ordered for the service of their Miike colliers. These vessels are to be employed in their trade with Hongkong, Shanghai, and the rivers of China. The *Kinkaku Maru*, of 8,200 tons d.w. capacity, the first of the four, was built by Sir Raynor Dixon & Company Limited. On June 10th she underwent her trial trip, which proved in every way satisfactory. The steamer is of the single-deck type with poop, bridge and forecastle. Her principal dimensions are—Length, 393 ft. 6 in.; breadth, 53 ft. 7 in.; and depth moulded, 29 ft. 7 in. The principal feature of her design is that she is self-trimming with absolutely clear hold, and six enormous hatchways, each 33 ft. by 32 ft. There are large wing tanks at the top of the holds at each side supported on the cantilever principle and containing 1,350 tons of water ballast, in addition to an equal quantity in the double bottom. The officers' and engineers' accommodation is provided in houses on deck. She has 12 derricks worked by 11 steam winches, electric light throughout, and is in every respect one of the most up-to-date colliers yet built. The engines have cylinders 26, 42, and 70 in. in diameter by 48 in. stroke, taking steam from three large boilers. The hull and engine have been constructed under the supervision of Mr. J. S. Bonnyman, of Cardiff, and Mr. Captain Nagata, Mr. K. Ohta, and Mr. Kurata as resident inspectors.

In 1904 broke out the famous Boxer trouble in North China. The foreign legations in Peking were besieged by the Boxers and were in great danger, not a few lives being lost in the uprising. Great Britain was at that time involved in war in South Africa and could not spare her military force for the fresh trouble in the East. The British people were very uneasy about the lives of their fellow-countrymen and the general situation in North China. But the uprising having been suppressed mainly by the brave efforts of Japanese soldiers, the British nation greatly appreciated the assistance and gallant efforts of the Japanese. Good feeling toward Japan and the Japanese prevailed throughout Britain.

When I was received in audience by the late Queen Victoria in Windsor Palace, July 10, 1899, and also at a garden party in Buckingham Palace, her late Majesty was pleased to express to me her gratitude for the kindness of His Majesty the Emperor of Japan in sending troops for the relief of Peking from the hands of the Boxers. This testifies to the friendly feeling toward Japan pervading all classes of the British nation.

But in the meantime Russia's aggressive enterprise in Manchuria, consequent upon the settlement of the Boxer trouble, came to involve Japan and Russia in a rivalry which finally culminated in war. While Japan and Britain S. were gradually approaching each other, Japan and Russia were fast becoming enemies.

ANGLO-JAPANESE ALLIANCE.

[BY COUNT TADASU HAYASHI, G.C.V.O., IN THE CORONATION NUMBER OF THE "JAPAN TIMES."]

The Count was one of the students who were sent to England for study by the Shogunate Government. Returning home in the stormy days of the Restoration, he joined the forces raised by the late Admiral Viscount Enomoto for upholding the last cause of the Shogunate, and was engaged for two years by the Imperial Army. He was soon given a post in the civil service, in which he steadily rose till in 1861 he was appointed Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs. He afterwards represented Japan at Peking, St. Petersburg, and London, in which last place he distinguished himself in connection with the work of the Japanese Legation. Since his return home, in 1864, he has been leading a comparatively retired life, though taking an active interest in all affairs of public interest.

The close of the China-Japan war turned a new leaf in the situation of Far Eastern affairs. Japan made a sudden start as a great Power of the Orient, and this change on the political stage of the Far East but naturally evoked a reaction in the Far Eastern policy of the Oriental Powers.

For instance, Great Britain, which has from of old interests in the Far East, was confronted with the necessity of providing against the rising influence of the new Japan. The conclusion of an alliance between Great Britain and Japan was considered as saving Great Britain the necessity of being on guard against the now Power in the East

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE NINETIETH ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, Hotel Mansions, on TUESDAY, the 9th August, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend, and electing Directors and Auditors.

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JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers, Hongkong, 28th June, 1911. [887]

PROPOSED STANDARD FIRM OF CONTRACT FOR EXPORTERS.

IN connection with the Circular issued to Exporters of Chinese Products under date of 15th June, 1911, a Meeting will be held in the OLD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ROOM, CITY HALL, on MONDAY, the 24th July, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. The following Resolution will be proposed:—

"That all Hongkong Exporters of Chinese produce other than Tea and Silk do hereby bind themselves to include in all Contracts entered into between themselves and Chinese Merchants after the 1st September, 1911, the following Clause:—

"It is also distinctly understood and agreed as the basis of this Contract that description, quality, assortment, weight, &c., shall be as above described and that any inspection of the goods prior to shipment shall not be considered a waiver of or in any way invalid to any of such conditions. Should after arrival at destination all, or any portion of the goods, prove not to agree with above description, or quantity, or assortment, or weight, or any other condition, the same shall be examined, within 10 weeks after being landed, and arbitrated upon by two independent experts, to be nominated either by a Home Chamber of Commerce or chosen by the Agent of the Hongkong Exporter and by the Consignee, without any reference to either of the parties to this Contract. If both Arbitrators cannot agree, a third person shall be nominated by two Arbitrators and act as Umpire."

"The final decision of either of such two Arbitrators and/or such Umpire shall be final and binding to all parties to this Contract both in Court and without."

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Prior to the late war a feeling of mutual suspicion and mistrust existed between the two countries, but such a sentiment was eradicated after the restoration of peace, and the two countries entered into a new sphere of international relations as if they had emerged from the gloom of rainy weather into the bright sun.

The conventions concluded in 1907 and 1910 give evidence of the fact that henceforth the leading Powers of the Far East will be in perfect accord. The relations between Russia and Japan may now be said to verge on an alliance for all practical purposes. Amongst the causes responsible for this satisfactory result may be enumerated the mutual recognition of the existence of natural lines of demarcation in their affairs in the Far East, and that trespass by either means loss, while they keep themselves within their own limits there exists no fear of their interests clashing. There is also mutual recognition of the fact that the harmonious co-operation of the two Powers, which are the only countries having large armies ready for emergencies on the Asiatic continent, will guarantee peace in the Far East and check the ambitious designs of third Powers.

Russia's recognition of her own fault in having concentrated her whole energy in an aggressive policy in the Far East at the sacrifice of her interests in the Near East, which resulted in the loss of balance of power between her and the combined forces of Germany and Austria, also makes for peace, while the impress given to the promotion of cordial relations between Russia and Japan by the *entente cordiale* concluded between Great Britain, Russia and France, especially the improved relations between Russia and Great Britain, a nation allied with Japan, must also be considered.

Although the interview which took place between the Tsar and the Kaiser and the Russo-German Agreement on the Persian and the Bagdad railways show a new phase in Russian diplomacy, the fact that her diplomatic policy for the Far East remains unchanged is admitted on all hands. The conclusion of the Treaties enumerated above must be welcomed as a settlement of all the questions that were allowed to linger after the late war. The nation should not overlook this fact. In Russo-Japanese relations and should use its best endeavours to promote cordial relations with that country. At the same time it would do well to refrain from any actions calculated to arouse suspicion on the part of the Russians. The proposed creation of two Army Divisions in China is ill-advised, as it is likely to arouse the profound suspicion of Russia. The interests of the two countries in various Chinese questions are identical, and it is also important to attach importance to the interests and sentiments of Russia so as to ensure promptness in their joint action when emergencies arise.—*Japan Mail's* translation.

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Swatow, Tsingtau, Weihaiwei, Chefoo and Tientsin	Cheongshing	Saturday, 22nd, 5.00 P.M.
Shanghai	Chenan	Saturday, 22nd, 5.00 P.M.
Shanghai	Hongsang	Saturday, 22nd, 5.00 P.M.
Timor, Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Dunedin, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth and Fremantle	Empire	Sunday, 23rd, 9.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haitan	Sunday, 23rd, 9.00 A.M.
Keeling, Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria and Tacoma	Canada Maru	Tuesday, 25th, 10.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Harfang	Tuesday, 25th, NOON
Manila, Cebu and Iloilo	Tean	Tuesday, 25th, 3.00 P.M.
Haliphong	Singan	Wednesday, 26th, 9.00 A.M.
EUROPE, &c., INDIA VIA TUTICORIN (Late Letters 11.00 to 11.30 A.M. Extra Postage 10 cents.)	Princess Alice	Wednesday, 26th, Printed Matter and Samples... 10.00 A.M.
(Letter posted in all the pillar boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.)		Registration... 10.00 A.M. (Registration, with late fee of 10 cents, up to 10.45 A.M.)
Shanghai	Linan	Wednesday, 26th, 10.00 A.M. (Registration, with late fee of 10 cents, up to 10.45 A.M.)
Batavia, Cheribon, Samarang and Sourabaya	Tipinak	No late fee.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haitan	Letters... 11.00 A.M.
Manila (Taking Mails for Cebu and Iloilo)	Loongsang	Thursday, 27th, 3.00 P.M.
Shanghai	Chinhua	Friday, 28th, 11.00 A.M.
SIBERIAN MAIL TO EUROPE	Bubi	Friday, 28th, NOON
Manila, Cebu and Iloilo	Yankee Maru	Saturday, 29th, 1.00 P.M.
Kobe and Yokohama	Hutchow	Registration... 5.00 P.M.
Singapore, Penang and Colombo		Letters... 5.00 P.M.
Weihsien and Tientsin		Monday, 31st, 3.00 P.M.
		AUGUST
		Tuesday, 1st, 10.00 A.M.
		Tuesday, 1st, 5.00 P.M.
		Wednesday, 2nd, 3.00 P.M.

COMMERCIAL

EXCHANGE CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

July 19th.

ON LONDON	1.93
Telegraphic Transfer	1.93
Bank Bills, on demand	1.94
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ON PARIS	
Bank Bills, on demand	2.23
Credits, at 4 months' sight	2.23
ON GERMANY	
On demand	1.84
ON NEW YORK	
Bank Bills, on demand	4.37
Credits, at 60 days' sight	4.44
ON BOMBAY	
Telegraphic Transfer	13.43
Bank, on demand	13.55
ON CALCUTTA	
Telegraphic Transfer	13.43
Bank, on demand	13.55
ON SHANGHAI	
Bank, at sight	7.43
Private, 30 days' sight	7.51
ON YOKOHAMA	
On demand	8.83
ON MANILA	
On demand	8.83
ON SINGAPORE	
On demand	7.74
ON BATAVIA	
On demand	10.13
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On demand	14 1/2 pm.
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TO-DAY

6 P.M.—Lecture on Christian Science by W. D. McCracken, M.A., C.S.E., at Theatre Royal.

9.15 P.M.—Hippodrome Circus at Causeway Bay.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Monday, 24th July—Meeting of Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce at City Hall, 4 P.M.

Tuesday, 8th Aug.—Ninetieth Ordinary Half-Yearly Meeting of H. C. and M. Steamboat Co., Ltd., Noon.

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